

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status

Claims 1 through 9 are proposed to be cancelled by the present amendment and no claim has been added. Independent claim 10 and independent claim 11, with claims 12-20 depending therefrom, would remain for further consideration.

Claim History

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Elwin et al. The Examiner rejected claims 3-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Elwin et al.

Claims Allowed

The indication by the Examiner in the recent Office Action that claims 10-20 were allowable over the prior art of record is noted with appreciation.

No further consideration or new matter

The amendment proposed herein is limited to canceling all rejected claims and should serve to place the application in condition for allowance. It is felt that no inordinate amount of time will be required on the part of the Examiner to review and consider this amendment.

The proposed amendment does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search and is a bona fide effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the proposed amendment be entered and that this application be favorably considered by the Examiner and passed to issue as expeditiously as possible.

The Applicant reserves the right to present the canceled claim in a continuation application.

Summary

Applicants have made a diligent and bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Robert N. Blackmon, Applicants' Attorney at 703-684-5633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

No additional fees should be due with this amendment, however, authorization is granted to charge any additional or deficient fees or credit any overpayment for this filing to Deposit Account 50-0562.

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